Supply of subsidised power

1088. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been mooted to supply subsidized power for below poverty line population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) According to National Electricity Policy a minimum level of support may be required to make the electricity affordable for consumers of very poor category. Consumers below poverty line who consume below a specified level, say 30 units per month, may receive special support in terms of tariff which are cross-subsidized. Tariffs for such designated group of consumers will be at least 50% of the average (overall) cost of supply.

Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, Government of India is providing electricity connection to below poverty line households with 100% capital subsidy as per norms of Kutir Jyoti Yojana. During the year 2004-05 under this programme 56,492 households were provided connections.

Electrification of villages in Rajasthan

1089. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government have set a target to make electricity available in every village of the country by 2009, under 'Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Plan';

(b) the present status in the country of the total number of villages and the total number of villages electrified/not electrified;

(c) the number of such villages in Rajasthan where there is no electricity, as on date; and

(d) by when the total work of electrification in Rajasthan is expected to be carried out?

The Minister of POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Under 'Rajiv' Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana' (RGGVY) introduced in April, 2005 Government of India aims to electrify all villages

and habitations, provide access to electricity to all households over a period of four years.

(b) Data regarding total number of villages, number of villages electrified and number of villages un-electrified is given at Statement-I (*See* below) The revised definition of electrified villages is at Statement-II (*See* below)

(c) As per 2001 Census there are 2477 un-electrified villages in Rajasthan

(d) The rural electrification work under RGGVY is spread over a period of four years.

Statement-I

Definition of Village Electrification

A new definition of village electrification has been notified and has become effective from year 2004-05.

A village would be declared as electrified if—

(i) Basic infrastructure such as Distribution Transformer and Distribution lines are provided in the habited locality as well as the Dalit Basti/hamlet where it exists. (For electrification through Non-Conventional Energy Sources a Distribution Transformer may not be necessary).

(ii) Electricity is provided to public places like Schools, Panchayat Office, Health Centres, Dispensaries, Community Centers etc. and

(iii) The number of households electrified should be at least 10% of the total number of households in the village.

(iv) Certificate by village Panchayat declaring the village as electrified.

Statement-II

Status of Village Electrification as per 2001 Census

Sl. No.	State	Total No. of inhabited villages as per 2001 census	Total no. of villages electrified	Balance unelectrified villages
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	26613	26565	48

1	2	3	4	5
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3863	2335	1528
3	Assam	25124	19081	6043
4	Bihar	39015	19251	19764
5	Jharkhand	29354	7641	21713
6	Goa	347	347	0
7	Gujarat	18066	17940	126
8	Haryana	6764	6759	5
9	Himachal Pradesh	17495	16891	604
10	J&K	6417	6301	116
11	Karnataka	27431	26771	710
12	Kerala	1364	1364	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	52117	50474	1643
14	Chhattisgarh	19744	18532	1212
15	Maharashtra	41095	40351	744
16	Manipur	2315	2043	272
17	Meghalaya	5782	3016	2766
18	Mizoram	707	691	16
19	Nagaland	1278	1216	62
20	Orissa	47529	37663	9866
21	Punjab	12278	12278	0
22	Rajasthan	39753	37276	2477
23	Sikkim	450	405	45
24	Tamil Nadu	15400	15400	0
25	Tripura	858	818	40
26	Uttar Pradesh	97942	57042	40900
27	Uttaranchal	15761	13131	2630
28	West Bengal	37945	31705	6240
	TOTAL (STATES):	592857	473287	119570
	TOTAL UTs:	875	875	0
	ALL INDIA:	593732	474162	119570*

*As per the new definition of village electrification (effective from 2004-05)

Total number of unelectrified villages is estimated to be around 1,25,000.

Source: Office of Registrar General